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Memories of Traverse City!

2014 Conference Slide Show

Proceed with Caution

The Headwaters: Improving Education at the Source





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Sunday, October 26



Welcome to Traverse City!



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October 26 - 30, 2014 ♦ Traverse City, Michigan

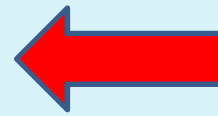
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BOATING & FISHING
FOUNDATION



Registration Starts at 3:00!



WOW! What a nice
program!!!

Improving Education at the Source



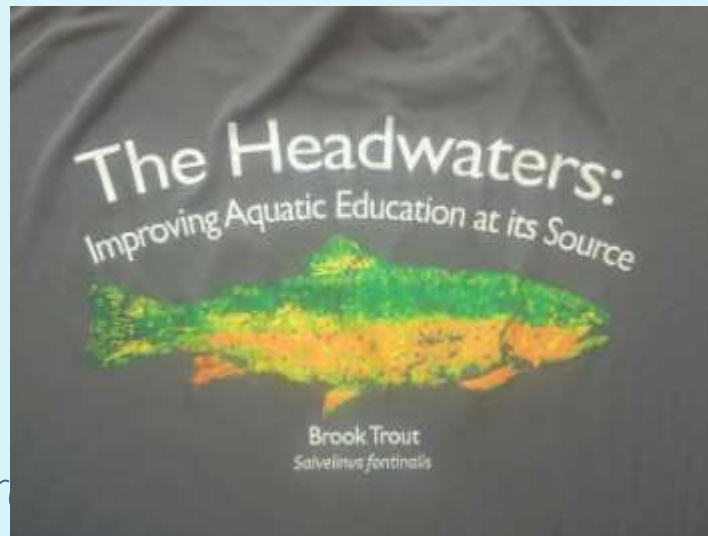


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Registration Goodies



T-Shirt Front



And back

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AREA Board Meeting: “Ok..So here’s how its gonna be”





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**“Wait, I’m still president for 12
more hours.”**



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New-members Dinner North Peak Brewery



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How many of you are new Members?



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“One more announcement:
Doug Darr told me that
he would pick up the tab.....
Doug...Doug...Now,
Where did he go?”



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HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to Michigan: DNR Fisheries Chief Jim Dexter



Natalie's state by state introduction of participants

RBFF Sponsored Lunch – Thanks Steph

Matt Dunfee's Outdoor Recreation Adoption Model

Moomer's ice Cream

Pure Michigan



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Natalie introduces the States!



A few samples
to follow!

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Charting our Course

Which state's...

most famous river runs
through America's biggest
ditch?



ARIZONA

(The Colorado River through the
Grand Canyon)

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Charting our Course

Which state's...
rivers love to burn?

OHIO



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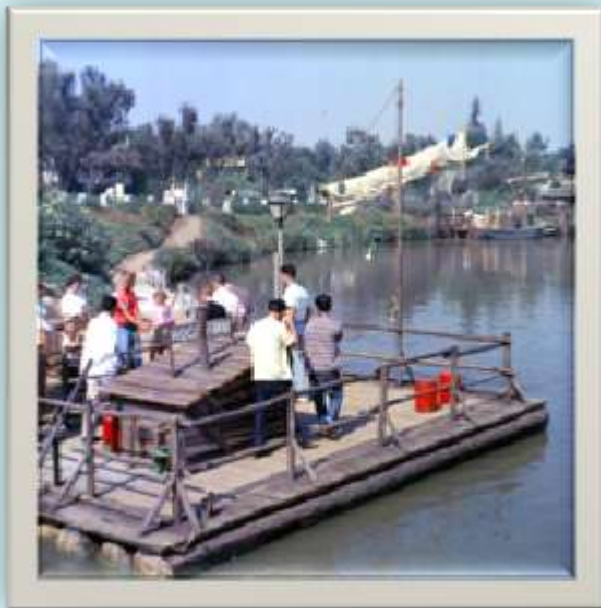




Charting our Course MISSISSIPPI

Which state's...

longest river is also the longest
drainage system in North
America?



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Great Job Nat!

This slideshow is a riot! And kind of a quiz to see your national aquatic resource IQ. Check the link on the webpage to take you to the slideshow and have fun with it!

Great Job putting this together Natalie!

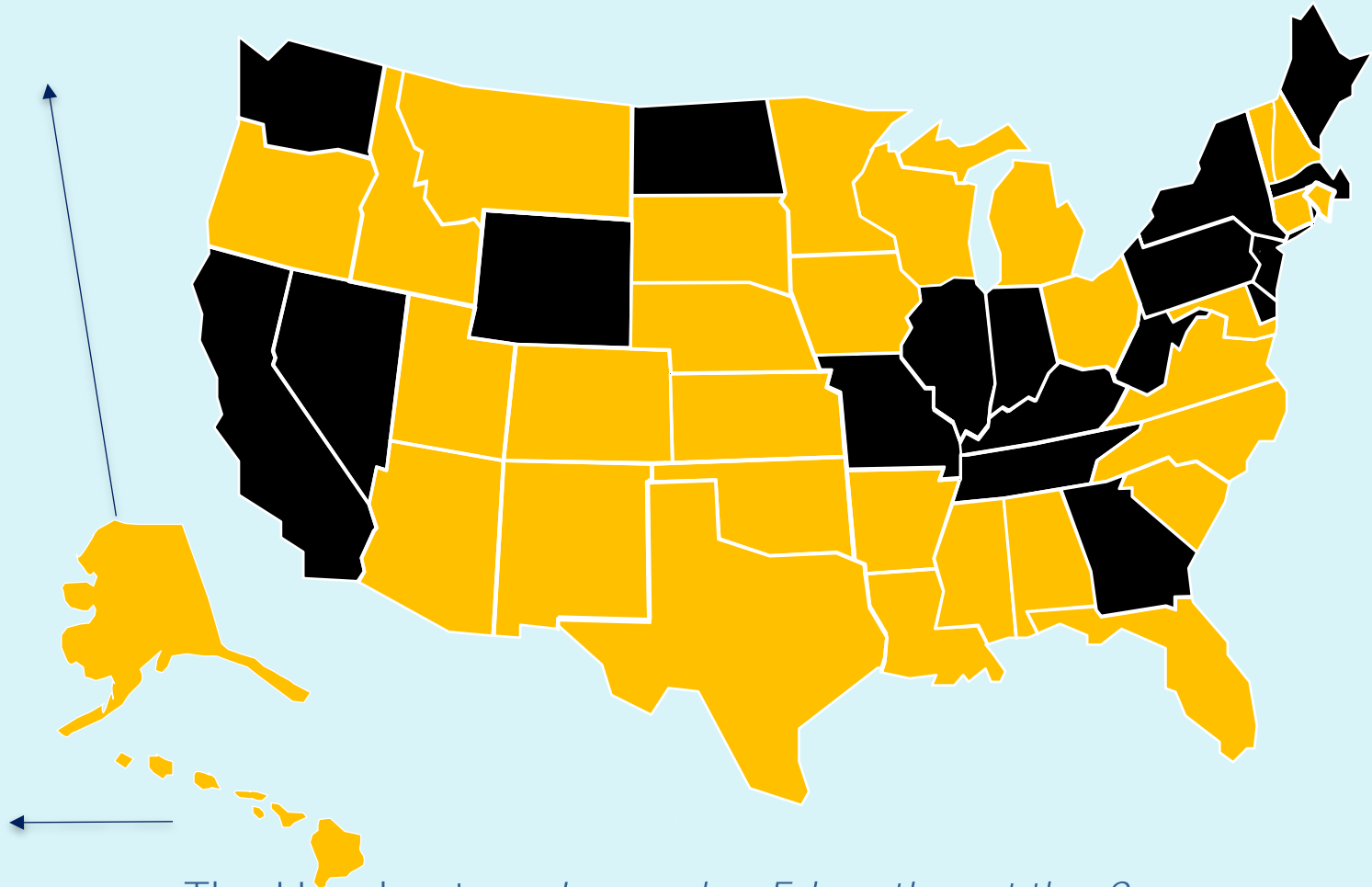
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Charting our Course...



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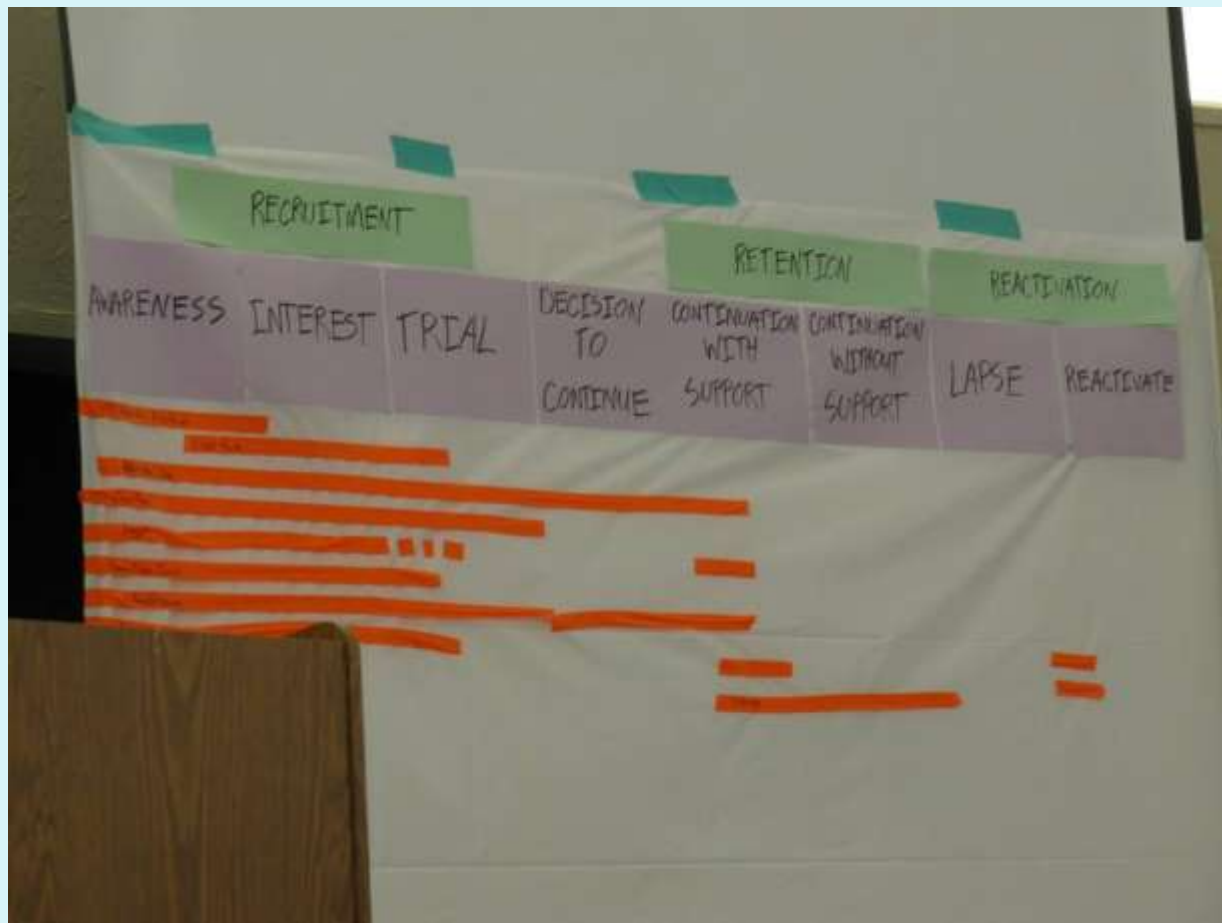


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Great Stuff Matt!



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RBFF Sponsored lunch



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Moomers Ice Cream Break



Ti, is that
Great Lakes Glacial Till
or
Grand Traverse Bay Berry Blitz?



Tour of Michigan



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Yoooper Diet, eh?



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Grand Traverse BayScape Social



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Tuesday, October 28

Highlights

Nine Breakout Sessions

Federal Aid Update



Regional Meetings



Evolution of Aquatic Education with Bruce and Shari

Pure Fishing Sponsored Lunch – Thanks Roxanne

Five Outdoor Learning Sessions

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Bruce Matthews



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“Pure Fishing Rocks”



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Outdoor Learning Session

Platte River State Fish Hatchery





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Ok, Who want to help with these fish?





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AREA Participants Pitch In



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Hatchery Trip Bonus: Canoeing from Weir to Lake Michigan



Hey, wait for me!

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Almost There!



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Looks Like We Made It!



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Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the background!



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Outdoor Learning Session

Charlevoix Research Station



All Aboard!

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Headed Out to Sea!



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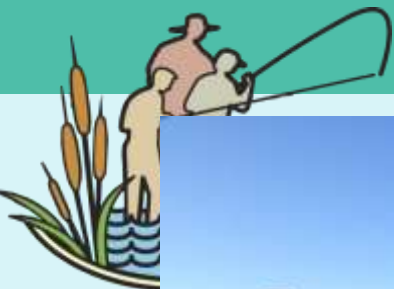
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Fun Aboard the Steelhead



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And the USCG Station!





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Outdoor Learning Session

FishTown



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Outdoor Learning Session

Angling on the Boardman River!



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That's Better!



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Nice Fishy



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More good Luck!



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Tuesday Night – Dinner on Your Own!



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Wednesday, October 29

Highlights

14 Breakout Sessions

Michigan DNR Director Keith Creagh

Lunch Sponsored by Great Lakes Fisheries Trust

Four Outdoor Learning Sessions

AREA Awards Banquet





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Breakouts



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Outdoor Learning Session

Boardman Dam Removal Site



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Outdoor Learning Session

Inland Seas



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“We’re Going Out to Sea in that?”



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YUP!





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Outdoor Learning Session

Angling on the Betsie River



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“See Boys...This is how you catch a fish”



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Give me a big smooch!





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AREA Awards Banquet



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Pre Banquet Social



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Networking with Wine



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Bring on the Dinner



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Networking





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WOW! We Love AREA!



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WOW! We Love Traverse City!



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Wow! We Love Michigan!



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WOW! We Love Pie!!!!



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Tribute to Roland



In memory of
Roland E. Sigurdson
DNR fish and water resources educator
1965 - 2014

For many years Roland educated and entertained State Fair visitors with his lively presentations on Minnesota fish and their habitat. He was a passionate advocate for passing the joy of fishing from one generation to the next. He inspired others to care for our lands and waters. He delivered the enduring message that we all play an important role in the stewardship of natural resources, and the life best lived includes embracing our outdoor heritage. Roland's dreams of healthy waters and harmony with nature live on in those he reached.

Roland E. Sigurdson shocked the AREA community with his untimely death last April. Roland's contributions to aquatic education while at the Minnesota DNR are well documented. His friends at AREA remember him well as a funny, genuine, intelligent and passionate educator. We will continue to miss his physical presence at AREA conferences but will also always fondly remember his soul and spirit!





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Tom Lang: Exceptional Support of AREA Award



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Shana Ramsey: Steve Campbell Outstanding Aquatic Educator Award





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MinnAqua: Outstanding Aquatic Education Program Award!



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Doug Darr: Outgoing President



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Thursday, October 30

Highlights

Last Views of Traverse City from Hotel



Flights Home for Most Optional Outdoor Learning Sessions

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Outdoor Learning Session – Charter Boat Fishing on Grand Traverse Bay



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Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

Now, You guys
follow this trail and I'll
pick you up at the bottom
of the dune! Don't get
Lost!



Photo courtesy of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Source





“Did anyone bring a compass?”



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**“I’ve got sand in places I didn’t
know I had”**





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Outdoor Learning Session

Au Sable River Fishing with TU



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The Heck with Waders!





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Cancelled Flights and winter weather moves in!



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Thanks for Visiting Our Backyard





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AREA Conference Committee

Kevin Frailey

Barb Gigar

Shana Ramsey

Doug Darr

Natalie Elkins

Ti Piper

Justin Wiggins

Lorianne Riggin

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The Michigan DNR Site Team

- Shana Ramsey, Food and Beverage Coordinator
- Natalie Elkins, Registrar
- Ed Shaw, OLS Leader and *Get it Done Dude*
- Suzanne Ebright, OLS Leader and *Get it Done Gal*
- Shannon Patterson, Special Asst. to Shana
- Steve Freeman, License Sales
- Katie McGlashen, OLS Leader
- Jon Spieles, OLS Leader
- Craig Kasmer, OLS Leader
- Heather Hettinger, OLS Leader
- Kevin Frailey, Food and Beverage Taster





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With special appearances and assistance by

- Keith Creagh, DNR Director
- Jim Dexter, DNR Fisheries Chief
- Kristin Phillips, DNR Marketing and Outreach Chief
- DNR Platte River Hatchery Staff
- DNR Charlevoix Research Station Staff
- DNR Carl T Johnson Hunt and Fish Center Staff
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- United States Coast Guard Staff, Charlevoix
- US National Park Service Staff, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
- Moomers Ice Cream
- North Peak Brewery

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We had a blast – Hope you did too!



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